offices about the said campaign, wide publicity has also been made by advertising in the newspapers, putting hoardings at prominent places, etc. There is good response to this revival campaign from the policyholders in both urban and rural areas. The special revival campaign has already been extended up to 31-3-1989.

Establishment of a National Research Centre for Allied Fibres

3456. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to establish a National Research Centre for allied fibres at Vizianagaram in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Judges vis-a-vis Population

3457. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Judges are there per million people in our country; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to speed up the administration of justice?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) As per 120th Report of the Law Commission, there are 10.5 Judges per million of population in India.

(b) Besides increasing the judge strength of Supreme Court from 18 to 26 and the judge strength of High Courts from 351 to 451 in March, 1989, recommendations of the Committee of 3 Chief Justices of High Courts set up in 1984 to reduce arrears have been forwarded to the High Courts and State Governments for appropriate action.

Release of Jodhpur Detainees

3458. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the remaining Jodhpur detainees except those facing criminal charges, have since been released and if so, what is the reaction of Akali Dal and Sikh representatives thereto;

(b) the details of those released and those against whom criminal cases are pending; and

(c) what other steps have been taken towards resolving the Punjab problem as per package announced by the Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The release of Jodhpur undertrial prisoners has been welcomed by all concerned.

(b) All the Jodhpur undertrial prisoners have been released since the waging war case has been withdrawn against every undertrial lodged in Jodhpur jail. The last batch of 188 undertrials was released on 6-3-89 in this case. Some of the erstwhile Jodhpur undertrials have been facing other criminal charges also (other than waging war case).

39 of such persons are still in jail facing such other criminal charges.

(c) The other steps include withdrawal of cases for objectionable speeches, etc., removal of restrictions under foreigners Act for foreigners to visit Punjab, restriction of Disturbed Areas Act and Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act to the seriously disturbed areas, restrictions an use of Terrorists and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, withdrawal of the National Security Act Amendment, normalisation of police functioning setting up monitoring mechanism for redressal of grievances of the people setting up of District

Development Committees followed by Sub-Divisional Committees, setting up of Village Defence Organisation holding of Panchayat elections and consultation with Opposition Parties on Punjab.

Newsitem captioned 'Shocking notices on houses'

3459. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Shocking notices on houses' which appeared in 'The Hindustan Times' of the 7th March, 1989;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Municipal Corporation has proposed to revise the annual rateable value of two bed room DDA flats in Saket from about Rs. 18,000 to Rs. 43,200;

(c) if so, what are the reasons and the basis of calculation of such proposed increase; and

(d) whether the paying capacity of the house-owners has been kept in mind while proposing such increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) Coming into force of the Delhi Rent Control Act, 1988 resulted in revision of rateable value and general tax leviable by local bodies in a large number of properties. Local bodies having jurisdiction started issue of notices proposing revision of assessment, as per provision of the relevant laws. Such notices were issued in respect of some DDA flats in Saket also.

Revision in rateable value to Rs. 43,200 in the DDA flats at Saket was based on factors like prevalent rent, additions made in the flats, anticipated rent on first letting etc., as per the provisions of law.

Appreciating various difficulties including the shortage of time available for detailed survey and scrutiny that is nesessary for issue of well founded notices for revision of assessment, a Mill seeking *inter alia*, further two years time for revision of assessment has been brought before the Parliament.

Nationalisation of Laxminaraian and Athertion West Cotton Mills

3460. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Parliament had passed an Act in 1976 for taking over the management of the Laxminarain and Atherton West Cotton Mills pending nationalisation;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken steps to nationalise the mills as logical conclusion of the Act, if not, what are the reasons thereof;

(c) whether strength of workers in these mills has been reduced during the past 10 years, if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that no controlled cloth is produced in these mills despite the preamble of the Act saying so, if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The management of the Laxmirattan and Atherton West Cotton Mills was taken over by the Central Government under the provisions of the Laxmirattan and Atherton West Cotton Mills (Taking Over of Management) Act, 1976.

(b) On account of various reasons, the Government have not taken steps to nationalise these two mills.

(c) Due to normal superanuation/ voluntary resignations by the workers, there has been a nominal reduction in the strength of workers of these two mills.

(d) No, Sir. Both the mills have been producing controlled cloth.